

2023 Drainage School

Speaker Biography

Heather Parsons

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Heather Parsons has been with the U.S. EPA Region 5 Wetlands Section as a Life Scientist since November 2022. Currently Heather works reviewing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Public Notices, serves as the point of contact for USACE/EPA coordination on approved jurisdictional determinations for the state of Indiana, reviews Wetland and Stream Mitigation Bank proposals and Indiana In-lieu fee projects along with additional coordination in Region 5 States.

Prior to working at the EPA, Heather was with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management for 11 years. She worked her way up from a Wetland Project Manager covering permitting and compliance in northeast Indiana to Technical Environmental Specialist reporting to the Assistant Commissioner of the Office of Water Quality, Martha Clark Mettler, working on a variety of tasks and high-level analyses for the Office of Water.

Heather holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Geography and Geographic Information Sciences and a Master's degree in Environmental Science with a focus on Water Resources and Applied Ecology. Heather enjoys camping and hiking and is an avid runner when she is not spending time with her family or sitting in natatoriums watching her youngest daughter swim.

Heather hopes to continue her career growth in the federal government and build on what she has learned working in state government and connecting the two for stronger communication and coordination.

